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SUBJECT: INDIAN WIRE SERVICE REPORTS PAKISTAN SEEKS

AVAILABILITY DATA FOR US ARMS

1. THE INDIAN WIRE SERVICE UNI CARRIED THE FOLLOWING ITEM AFTER-
NOON OF SEPT. 24:

QUOTE ISLAMABAD, SEP 23 (AP) PAKISTAN HAS GIVEN A LIST OF
WEAPONS INCLUDING JET FIGHTERS, SHIPS AND TANKS IT WANTS TO BUY
FROM THE UNITED STATES, THE PAKISTAN TIMES REPORTED TODAY.

THE PAPER SAID THE SALE OF WEAPONS ON THE LIST -- INCLUDING
ANTI-TANK MISSILES, HOWITZERS AND HELICOPTERS -- WAS SUBJECT TO
AVAILABILTY AND EXPECTED TO BE APPROVED.

THE REPORT ADDED THAT PAKISTAN'S REQUIREMENTS FOR REPLACE-
MENT OF ITS AGING F-86 AND F-104 JET FIGHTERS, SHIPS, TANKS AND
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GROUND-TO-AIR MISSILES FOR THE DEFENCE OF ITS CITIES WILL BE HARDER

TO MEET FOR VARIOUS REASONS.
UNQUOTE.

2. COMMENT: WE ARE UNCERTAIN JUST WHAT THE GOI AND PES CENSORED
PRESS WILL MAKE OF THIS BUT THE TIMING OF ARMS SALES PUBLICITY JUST
BEFORE THE CHAVAN VISIT MAY BE A PROBLEM. REQUEST GUIDANCE ON HOW
TO RESPOND TO POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FROM THE GOI AND THE PRESS AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE.
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